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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
JUAN GONZALEZ (166/77/11)

1. I AM WRITING PURSUANT TO YOUR INQUIRY
OF OCTOBER 31, 1977 TO SECRETARY VANCE CONCERNING JUAN
GONZALEZ AND SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS JAILED IN ARGENTINA. THE
NAME "JUAN DE LA CRUZ GONZALEZ" APPEARED IN THE 1977 CHRISTMAS
LIST OF PERSONS TO BE RELEASED FROM DETENTION UNDER THE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE POWER. THIS MAY BE THE SAME PERSON ABOUT WHOM YOU
INQUIRED, BUT REGRETTABLY THERE IS NO WAY THE EMBASSY CAN
BE CERTAIN OF THIS.

2. YOU MAY WONDER HOW IT HAPPENS THAT SOMEONE SCHEDULED TO
BE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN NOVEMBER -- PRESUMABLY AFTER HAVING
SERVED SENTENCE FOR SOME CRIME -- COULD REMAIN INCARCERATED AND
BE RELEASED IN DECEMBER. (ONCE AGAIN, ASSUMING THE JUAN
DE LA CRUZ GONALEZ -IS THE PERSON ABOUT WHOM YOU INQUIRED.) -
IT HAPPENS HERE THAT PERSONS ARE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDER
EXECUTIVE DETENTION, FOR REGULAR CRIMES, AND IN OTHER
CATEGORIES. THE FREEING FROM ONE CATEGORY DOES NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN FREEDOM UNDER ANOTHER.

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3. I AM SORRY THAT AT THIS TIME I CAN GIVE YOU NO FURTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING EDITH STAHELLI DE FRIAS, SUSANA PIOLI, ED

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GONZALEZ, EDUARDO GRUTSKY AND RUBEN PIAZZA, ABOUT WHOM
YOU ALSO INQUIRED. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR
THESE CASES AND MAKE INQUIRES. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF
ANY DEVELOPMENT.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
CASTRO

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